

**Isaac Shelby to Andrew Jackson, October 20, 1814,
from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by
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THE GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY (ISAAC SHELBY) TO JACKSON.

Frankfort, Ky. , October 20, 1814.

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 26th Ult^o. by the last southern Mail. on which day I also received a letter from the Department of war requesting me to forward to your aid 2500 men from this state with the greatest possible dispatch.

I have in pursuance thereof ordered three regiments to rendezvous at different points upon the Ohio River, as you will discover by the enclosed copy of my General order for that purpose, these regiments are part of the 5500 Militia organised under a former requisition from the Secretary of War, and are by the details each one thousand strong, but as their organization was compleated some time ago they may not from deaths, removals and other casualties march more than the number called for and I deemed it better to exceed than fall short of the requisition. I was induced to take this course from the Conviction that the troops would reach you sooner by descending the Mississippi to some point at which they would receive your orders to land and march directly to your Head Quarters or elsewhere as you may direct.

The Deputy Quarter Master General Colonel Richd. Taylor,¹ is directed to use all possible diligence to procure boats for the transportation of the Detachment and you may be assured that every exertion shall be made to forward the troops to you. The want of funds however in the hands of the Q. M. Genl. may create delays that I cannot foresee.

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1 Father of Gen. Zachary Taylor.

I have the honour to be

P.S. The troops will leave this state without arms I presume they will be forwarded by the Governmt. should you not already be supplied. There is no public arms in Kentucky2

2 Col. William Carroll, about to lead his detachment from Nashville to New Orleans, wrote to Jackson Oct. 28, 1814, that he had no arms but that a supply was in Newport, Ky. Governor Blount, he said, refused to apply for them. Carroll said he would take the responsibility and apply for them himself.